

REQUIREMENTS FOR  
**ARTS EDUCATION CERTIFICATES**  
**ART | DANCE | DRAMATIC ARTS | MUSIC**  
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

➤ **PROVISIONAL ARTS EDUCATION CERTIFICATE, PREK-12 ART | DANCE | DRAMATIC ARTS | MUSIC**

*The Provisional certificate is valid for 2 years and is not renewable, but may be extended once for 2 years.*

**Requirements for the Provisional Arts Education certificate, PreK-12 Art | Dance | Dramatic Arts | Music are:**

1. Completed **Application for Certification**
2. Appropriate Fee (See Application for Certification)
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (plastic) issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety (602) 223-2279.
4. A Bachelor's or more advanced degree from an accredited institution. Official transcript(s) must be submitted.
5. Option A, B, C or D:
  - A. Completion of a teacher preparation program in PreK-12 arts education in one of the following approved areas: art, dance, dramatic arts or music from an accredited institution or a Board-approved teacher preparation program;  
- OR -
  - B. Completion of a teacher preparation program in PreK-12 arts education in one of the following approved areas: art, dance, dramatic arts or music from an institution accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, National Association of Schools of Dance, National Association of Schools of Theatre, the National Association of Schools of Music, or National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education;  
- OR -
  - C. Thirty semester hours of education or arts education courses, including at least eight semester hours of elementary and secondary methods in the appropriate certificate area and twelve semester hours of practicum in the appropriate certificate area grades PreK-12. Two years of verified full-time teaching experience in the appropriate certificate area in grades PreK-12 may substitute for the twelve semester hours of practicum;  
- OR -
  - D. A valid PreK-12 arts education certificate from another state.
6. One of the following:
  - A. A passing score on the AEPA Professional Knowledge Elementary or Secondary examination.  
**The Professional Knowledge assessment shall be waived for applicants who submit verification of one of the following:**
  - B. A passing score on a comparable Professional Knowledge examination from another state or agency taken within the past 7 years. **Submit the original score report at time of application.**
  - C. A passing score on a comparable Professional Knowledge examination from another state or agency taken more than 7 years ago AND 5 years of full-time teaching experience within the past 7 years. **Submit the original score report** AND a letter on official letterhead from the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience **at time of application.**
  - D. A current certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Submit a notarized copy of the certificate.
7. One of the following:
  - A. A passing score on the appropriate Subject Knowledge (Art or Music) portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment. If a subject knowledge proficiency assessment is not offered (Dance or Dramatic Arts), an approved area of 24 semester hours from an accredited institution is required.  
**The Subject Knowledge assessment shall be waived for applicants who submit verification of one of the following:**
  - B. A passing score on a comparable Subject Knowledge examination from another state or agency taken within the past 7 years. **Submit the original score report at time of application;**
  - C. A passing score on a comparable Subject Knowledge examination from another state or agency taken more than 7 years ago AND 5 years of full-time teaching experience within the past 7 years. **Submit the original score report** AND a letter on official letterhead from the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience **at time of application.**
  - D. A current certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Submit a notarized copy of the certificate.

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8. Verification of state approved Structured English Immersion (SEI) training. Option A if certified before August 31, 2006. Option B if certified on or after August 31, 2006:
- A. Verification of 1 semester hour or 15 clock hours of state approved Structured English Immersion (SEI) training.
  - B. Verification of 3 semester hours or 45 clock hours of state approved Structured English Immersion (SEI) training.

*Individuals who hold an Arizona Full Bilingual or Full ESL endorsement are exempt from the SEI endorsement requirement (Applicants who hold a Full ESL endorsement from another state may apply for an Arizona ESL endorsement). The requirement for a Provisional SEI endorsement may be waived for a period not to exceed one year for individuals who graduate from administrator or teacher preparation programs that are not approved by the Arizona State Board of Education and meet all other applicable certification requirements.*

**NOTE:** *If you otherwise qualify for the certificate but are deficient in Arizona and/or U.S. Constitution you have 3 years under a valid teaching certificate to fulfill the requirement, except that if you are teaching an academic course on History, Government, Social Studies, Citizenship, Law, or Civics, you have 1 year to fulfill the requirement(s).*

9. Arizona Constitution (a college course or the appropriate examination).
10. U.S. Constitution (a college course or the appropriate examination).

➤ **STANDARD ARTS EDUCATION CERTIFICATE, PREK-12 ART | DANCE | DRAMATIC ARTS | MUSIC**

*The Standard Arts Education certificate is valid for 6 years and is renewable.*

Requirements for the Standard Arts Education certificate, PreK – 12 Art | Dance | Dramatic Arts | Music are:

1. Qualify and hold the Provisional Arts Education certificate for 2 years.
2. Two years of verified teaching experience during the valid period of the Provisional certificate may be used to convert the Provisional certificate to a Standard certificate. (Please submit a conversion form signed by the District Superintendent or Personnel Director verifying two years of full-time teaching experience during the valid period of the Provisional certificate being converted.)